

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** under a joint U.S. Congressional resolution in 1978, the month of May was designated as Asian Pacific Heritage Month; and
- WHEREAS,** the first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843; and the contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, which was completed on May 10, 1869; and
- WHEREAS,** Americans who trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands have contributed much to the nation and to Alameda; and
- WHEREAS,** Asian Pacific Americans have made the country and city better with their talents, hard work, diversity of cultural traditions, languages, and faiths; and
- WHEREAS,** the richness of Asian Pacific cultures enhances the total American experience and contributes to the country's and city's legacy of diversity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Buena Vista United Methodist Church is the oldest congregation serving the Asian Pacific Islander community in Alameda, beginning its service to Japanese immigrants in 1898; and
- WHEREAS,** Alameda continues to grow in its diversity of Asian Pacific Islanders and continues to maintain a rich history of contributions from these communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

in the City of Alameda and congratulate Buena Vista United Methodist Church as it celebrates its Spring Festival Bazaar on May 1, 2011. I further call upon the residents of Alameda to learn more about the history and rich contributions of all Asian Pacific Islanders during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Marie L. Gilmore
Mayor

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